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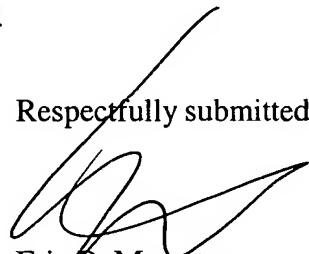
**A. Pending Claims**

Claims 583-624 are pending. Claims 1-582 and 625-1690 have been cancelled without prejudice.

**B. Comments**

A fee authorization is enclosed to cover fees due in association with the filing of this and accompanying documents. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If additional fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5659-21200/EBM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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